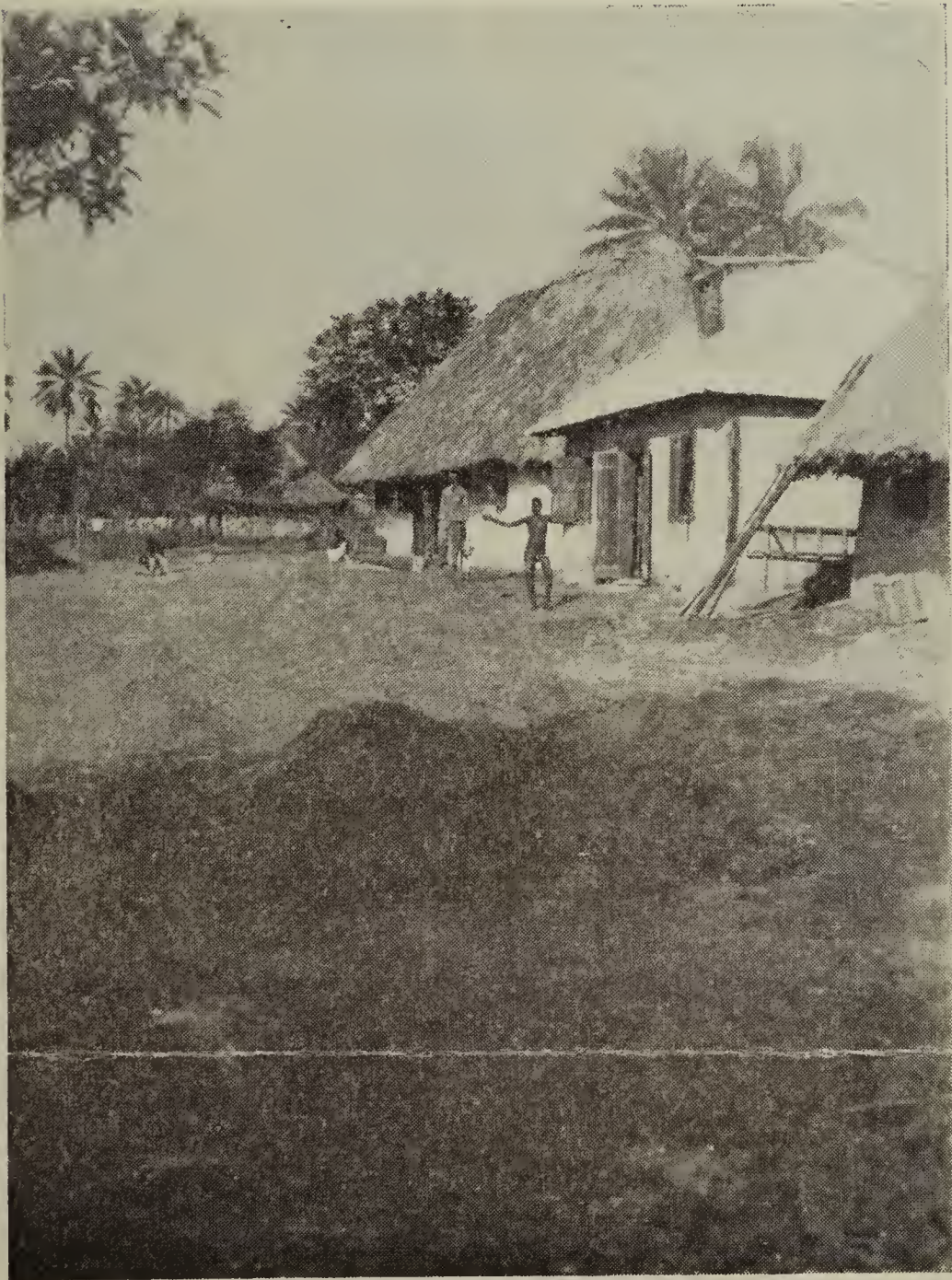


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# The Holy Cross Liberian Mission

*A Work of Mercy and Love*



The Hospital at Bolahun

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HOLY CROSS, West Park, N. Y.

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The Holy Cross Liberian Mission was founded in 1922. We now have about seventy-five baptized souls in the mission, of whom the much greater part are also communicants. There are three mission stations with schools, and among these youths we are already finding earnest missionaries to their own people.

The Bolahun hospital is, at present, our chief point of contact with the people. In 1927, we treated nearly 4,000 patients. The people come, sometimes a hundred a day, from a distance of 75 miles through the surrounding country. A short time ago Dr. Maass and his two native orderlies treated 347 patients in one day. We have just engaged a second doctor, and this work of mercy will be greatly extended.

The variety and the awfulness of these tropical diseases cannot be grasped by those who have not seen them. Father Gorham wrote just the other day: "This past week I watched Dr. Maass cut off an elephantiasis tumour from a patient which even after loss of water during the operation weighed sixty pounds. It could have more than filled a half-bushel basket."

Another heartbreaking condition lies in the fact that in Africa from 50 to 70 babies out of every hundred die in infancy from ignorance and neglect. Child Welfare centres must be established in the villages through the country. It is not necessary to say more.



This pitiful condition has only to be mentioned to arouse a passion of resolution in the hearts of men to hold nothing back if only this terrible situation can be corrected.

But this work is not a work of corporal mercy only. Every one of the thousands of patients who passes through the wards of the hospital goes back to his native village with the knowledge that we are there as the representatives of a great Chief, our Lord Christ, who loves them, and has sent us to help them in body and soul. They spread the news everywhere through the hinterland of this One who has sent His servants to minister to them. There are, in this way, now through all that land more than 4,000 unconscious missionaries, carrying wherever they go the story of the love of God. A harvest of enquiry is the inevitable consequence, and this gives us our opportunity to win them for Christ and His Church.

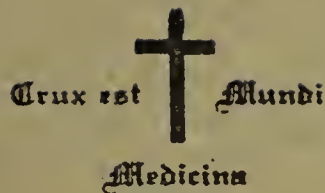
The mission is directly under Bishop Campbell, is self-supporting, and receives no help from the National Council, but depends wholly on voluntary contributions.

We have told you the conditions that the Holy Cross Liberian Mission is seeking to deal with. The Mission is staggering under the burden of doing its bit in this great cause. Who will come to help of the Lord in this splendid enterprise of mercy?



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Holy Cross, West Park, N. Y.

Lent, 1928

To the Friends of the Holy Cross Liberian Mission :

The enclosed folder will give you some idea of what the Holy Cross Liberian Mission is doing at the present time in West Africa. We need \$20,000 for the work during the coming year. It is estimated that this will support our three mission stations, with the boarding schools which aggregate about 75 boys; four members of the Order,--these require no salary;--one clergyman who not being a member of the Order, is on a salary; five native teachers; two doctors; a bacteriologist; three hospital assistants; a dozen native helpers; and a large corps of laborers and carriers who are necessary for the general upkeep of the work. In addition, there is the cost of the mission and hospital supplies, medicines, etc.

Will you help us with this work? We should be grateful for even the smallest contributions. It may be that you have already contributed this year to the Mission. In this event, will you hand this on to some friend, with a word that might arouse his interest.

Asking your prayers for what we are undertaking, I am

Yours in our Lord,

*James O. S. Huntington*

Superior, O. H. C.

